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If present indications for a 3.3 billion bushel corn crop are realized, the 1948 crop will be 37 percent larger than last year and 18 percent larger than average, the AAA announces.

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Roughly two-thirds of the Nation's public cooler and freezer space was filled with food on July 1 of this year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

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The National Agricultural Conservation Fund for 1949 will be \$262,500,000, compared with this year's fund of \$150,000,000, the AAA reports.

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The AAA reminds housewives that they have been urged for the past 5 and a half years to save, re-use and then turn in used kitchen fats. The need still exists so keep on salvaging used fats.

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Putting idle factory equipment to work making flour for hungry Europeans from surplus potatoes is one of the latest moves in the Department of Agriculture's continuing attack on farm problems at home and food shortages abroad.

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Production and consumption of butter per person declined during World War I and remained below the prewar level for several years after the end of that war. A similar pattern, but with a more severe decline, developed after 1941, the AAA advises.

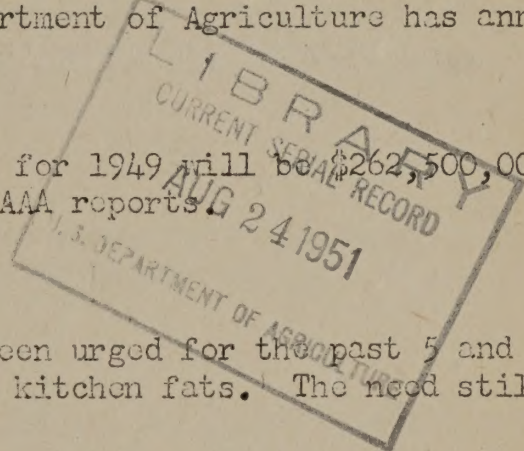
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By holding our land we hold our future security as a Nation; to do this is the aim and purpose of the Agricultural Conservation Program.

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Consumer demand for fruit is strong as the 1948-49 season gets under way, but large supplies of some fruits may hold prices to relatively low levels, the AAA reports.

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Total export food shipments are expected to decline from the nearly 19 million long tons shipped from the U. S. this year to a possible 17 million in 1948-49, the AAA announces.

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As more and more farmers carry out soil and water conservation practices on their land the Nation's ability to produce the food for an ever increasing population is strengthened.

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The 1948 Yearbook of Agriculture brings together the best information available on grass and grassland agriculture, and is entitled "Grass".

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The agricultural Conservation Program, administered by farmer-elected committeemen, is active in 3,030 agricultural counties in the United States.

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The right conservation practices and proper rotations are the best prescription for the land, the AAA emphasizes.

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Farm product prices are 264 percent of the 1935-39 average and 20 percent above the peak of 1920, but purchasing power of those prices has turned downward, the AAA announces.

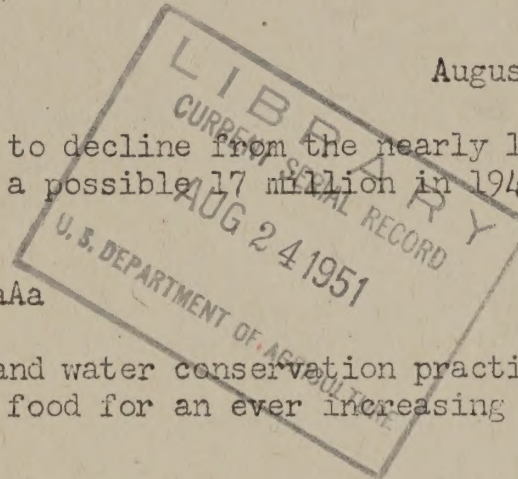
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To achieve positive gains in the fight against hunger, U. S. exports must do more than enable people to exist; they must help other countries to help themselves.

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Domestic demand for milk and milk products will continue very high at least through the balance of 1948, and will be supplemented by moderate export demand, the AAA advises.

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The support price for green and yellow soybeans, grading U.S. No. 2 or better and containing not more than 14 percent moisture, has been set at \$2.18 a bushel for the 1948 crop, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

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The bumper crop of cottonseed, soybeans and peanuts indicated by August 1 conditions will assure a substantial increase in production of the vegetable oils used mainly for food in the year beginning October, 1948, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Prices of meat animals were comparatively steady in early August after setting new farm price records in mid-July, the AAA reports.

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The continued strong demand for milk, the increased supplies of feed grains, and the more favorable relationship between milk and grain prices indicate that many dairymen could profit by feeding grain at heavier rates this fall, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Consumers as well as farmers benefit from the price support and soil and water conservation programs administered by farmer-elected committeemen in every agricultural county in the United States.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has sold its entire supply of common ryegrass seed, more than 20 and $\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds, the AAA reports.

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Feed supplies for 1948-49 will probably be the largest on record in relation to the number of livestock to be fed, reports the Department of Agriculture.

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By helping farmers to get the needed conservation work done, consumers are helping in part at least, to protect the Nation's most valuable national resources --soil and water.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that the use of butter by the average person in the United States dropped from 16 pounds a year in 1941 to 11 pounds in 1947.

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Prices for milk and dairy products in 1949 probably will average about the same as this year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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The AAA announces that through August 31, 1948, the Commodity Credit Corporation authorized loans to farmers on 94,842,988 bushels of 1948 crop wheat, oats, barley, grain sorghums and rye.

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Price supports for 1948 crop alfalfa seed, amounting to 25 cents per pound for Northern alfalfa seed, 20 cents per pound for Central, and 17 cents for Southern have been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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The AAA emphasizes that the large crops of the last few years have been largely due to conservation farming and to improved varieties, not increased acres.

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45,634 acres of trees were planted in 1947 under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

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1948 crested wheat grass seed production is forecast at 2,070,000 pounds, the second smallest crop in 7 years, the AAA announces.

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To help and encourage farmers to make widespread use of conservation practices that stop unnecessary soil and mineral losses, to maintain the quality of the soil and make full use of available moisture is the aim of the Agricultural Conservation Program.

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